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ADD/A (Colonel White [REDACTED])

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1. I talked to [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] staff study in connection with budget and fiscal personnel in the covert offices. He said that his understanding was that Mr. Wolf was to call him when he wanted to discuss it. Messrs. [REDACTED] and Saunders have both read it and are now ready.

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2. Mr. Pforzheimer reports the receipt of a very nasty letter from an individual who says that a [REDACTED] promised him a job and told him that he would be placed in a pool until he could be cleared, etc. Mr. Pforzheimer is investigating this and will let me know who [REDACTED] is and whether or not he offered this individual a job. The letter, however, is one of those which I doubt deserves an answer.

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3. Had a talk with George Meloon on several problems:

a. He reports that recruiting for Project [REDACTED] has gone very well and that Personnel certainly will have the necessary people to open [REDACTED] is ready to do so.

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b. I asked him to draft a Notice which would call attention to General Smith's memorandum regarding consultants and to the fact that all consultant contracts expire on 30 June. If the Director is to approve of all extensions of contracts, which he has stated he wants to do, it will be necessary for the offices to obtain his approval not later than about 15 June in order that we will be able to renew the contracts by 1 July. Also told him to insure that notifications were sent to those consultants whose contracts were not to be renewed and told him to take particular pains to send such notification to one individual specifically designated by Mr. Wolf.

c. I told George that I understood we were receiving a large number of applications for employment from [REDACTED] personnel and asked him to screen this group, as well as other U.S. Government overseas employees, very carefully before offering employment.

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d. [REDACTED]

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e. We discussed personnel ceilings. Told him that I did not believe that the [REDACTED] figure quoted by Colonel Baird the other day was accurate. Asked him to check with Ed Saunders to make sure that their statistics were accurate and emphasized the necessity of Personnel being able to perform this function efficiently on 1 June.

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f. I asked George what Colonel Baird proposed to do with the [REDACTED] report which indicates Personnel mismanagement of the covert offices. I gathered that it had been sent to the Covert Personnel Chief for action. I suggested that I did not think this would accomplish the necessary and that in my opinion a memorandum from DD/A to AD/PC and AD/SO should go out calling to their attention the alleged irregularities, offering every possible assistance to straighten them out, and asking them for reports on the situation in approximately two weeks.

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g. I told him that I was going to send him a copy of Jim Garrison's urgent personnel needs and asked him to do everything humanly possible to assist Jim in filling these slots.

h. In response to Mr. Wolf's query, Personnel reports that we have no record of [REDACTED] being in process or considered for employment with CIA.

5. Ed Saunders talked to me the other day about reactivating a welfare committee to administer our welfare fund. We have approximately \$1,000 in it now, most of which we have received through GSI cafeteria dividends. I asked George Meloon to do a study and come up with recommendations on this subject. Told him that I did not think the welfare fund should be used for Agency recreational activities, and that in view of the fact that we have a Credit Union from which deserving employees can borrow, I did not think it should be used for that purpose; rather, it would seem to me that it should be used for outright gifts such as flowers or for hospitalized employees, etc.

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7. [REDACTED] telephoned regarding an extension for another fiscal year of the safehouse which I&S had originally acquired. In view of the fact that Mr.

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██████████ is looking at this property today and would like to close a deal, I verbally approved of this facility on the present basis for another year with the understanding that the official, written request would be upcoming sometime today.

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8. ██████████ was in for a fairly lengthy discussion in connection with ██████████ survey of the budget and fiscal personnel in the covert offices. He left with me a memorandum expressing his views which, on paper, are different from ██████████ recommendations. I will discuss this separately with Mr. Wolf.

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9. I told ██████████ OPC, that I understood he had a man named ██████████ who was running all over ██████████ trying to get air conditioning equipment. I explained to Earl the situation on air conditioning equipment and asked him to please stop ██████████ from his free-wheeling activities; he agreed to do so.

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10. Talked to ██████████ at some length about setting up a procedure with the Department of the Army in connection with awards of the Legion of Merit or other medals. ██████████ talked to General Carter in the Office of the Secretary of Defense who suggested that the best way to lay this on would be to ask General Smith to call General McAuliffe and arrange for me, or someone, to go over and talk to General McAuliffe's designee. Will talk to Mr. Wolf about this.

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11. ██████████ of I&S brought up the second Security Bulletin which I will ask Mr. Wolf to review before releasing. ██████████ explained that I&S expected to have new badges sometime soon and that they contemplate taking new pictures of all employees who came on duty prior to 1 January 1950.

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12. Between Bill Peel and Dr. Tietjen I think that ██████████ who had complained of discrimination, is partially satisfied and will leave the Agency without too much bitterness.

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13. ██████████ advises that he will have his regulation and procedure on cargo shipments, etc., ready within a day or two.

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14. I approved of ██████████ taking annual leave during the week beginning 8 June 1952.

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15. Conferred with Ed Saunders, ██████████, Procurement and Supply Office, concerning the release of additional ██████████ money for the procurement of certain R&D items. A separate memorandum to Mr. Wolf on this subject is being prepared.

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16. ██████████ reports that ██████████ has received his reproduction machine and that OO will take care of giving him additional revolving funds when they are needed. These items were called to our attention by Colonel Edwards while on his visit to ██████████

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